LIQUOR LICENCE DUTIES.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 16 May 1912;—*for*,

RETURN "in the following form, showing the Number of Licences issued to Retail Licence-holders, and the ascertained or estimated yield of the Duties thereon in respect of (*a*) for consumption on the premises, (*b*) for consumption off the premises, for the years 1908–9, 1909–10, 1910–11, and 1911–12, respectively, in each of the following areas: (1) County of London (including City of London); (2) county boroughs in England with a population exceeding 250,000; (3) the rest of England; (4) Cardiff; (5) the rest of Wales; (6) Edinburgh; (7) Glasgow; (8) the rest of Scotland; (9) Dublin; (10) Belfast; and (11) the rest of Ireland; also the number of Licences issued to and the yield of the Duties paid thereon by Wholesale Manufacturers and Dealers in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, for the years 1908–9, 1909–10, 1910–11, and 1911–12."

Treasury Chambers, 11 July 1912. } C. F. G. MASTERMAN.

(*Mr. Austen Chamberlain.*)

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RETURN showing the NUMBER of LIQUOR LICENCES issued to and the ascertained or estimated yield of the DUTIES paid thereon by RETAIL LICENCE-HOLDERS and by WHOLESALE MANUFACTURERS and DEALERS for the years 1908–9, 1909–10, 1910–11 and 1911–12.

Note.—By the "yield" of a duty in any year is understood the net amount collected in respect of duty due for payment within the year (including arrears, if any, received and repayments, if any, made after the close of the year).

In the case of the Liquor Licence duties for the year 1909–10 and subsequent years, the ascertainment of the true "yield" presented exceptional difficulty, owing largely to amendments of the principal Act, and there are questions still outstanding, mainly in respect of the years 1911–12 and 1910–11, which will involve the collection of arrears or the repayment of duty, with consequent adjustments between the "yield" of different years. The effect of these adjustments has been estimated as far as possible, but till they are settled the true yield cannot be given, and the figures in the Return must therefore be regarded as provisional.

	1908–9		*1909–10.		1910–11.		1911–12.	
	No.	Yield.	No.	Estimated Yield.	No.	Estimated Yield.	No.	Estimated Yield.
Retail Licences for On-consumption:—		£		£		£		£
London County and City	7,267	204,581	7,123	771,730	7,279	628,060	7,130	607,750
Liverpool	1,768	47,305	1,724	107,040	1,720	102,370	1,648	99,070
Manchester	1,835	22,512	1,754	90,920	2,044	87,650	2,008	84,040
Birmingham	1,356	22,260	1,327	69,690	1,412	64,770	1,382	63,630
Sheffield	1,057	15,887	1,024	42,780	1,029	41,430	1,012	40,570
Leeds	691	11,828	672	40,880	726	38,450	709	36,820
Bristol	946	13,125	917	31,960	908	31,920	888	31,240
West Ham	219	5,921	212	24,420	226	22,110	219	22,100
Bradford	615	9,309	605	27,190	600	25,570	603	25,290
Hull	412	8,351	410	26,150	412	23,130	404	22,840
Newcastle-on-Tyne	523	13,715	514	46,300	559	42,860	549	42,270
Nottingham	572	12,790	556	33,040	597	30,900	586	29,620
Rest of England	72,751	1,065,719	71,589	1,984,980	72,104	1,926,070	70,468	1,906,380
Total England	90,012	1,453,303	88,427	3,297,080	89,616	3,065,290	87,606	3,011,620
Cardiff	277	7,889	263	30,010	295	27,180	256	25,290
Rest of Wales	5,667	81,035	5,570	144,690	5,377	143,490	5,335	143,010
Total Wales	5,944	88,924	5,833	174,700	5,672	170,670	5,591	168,300
Edinburgh	343	8,206	344	12,700	341	18,050	332	17,730
Glasgow	1,344	30,546	1,342	42,360	1,328	56,500	1,302	55,840
Rest of Scotland	5,386	96,360	5,376	117,120	5,348	147,720	5,308	140,250
Total Scotland	7,073	135,112	7,062	172,180	7,017	222,270	6,942	213,820
Dublin	729	13,820	714	15,420	684	16,040	683	15,920
Belfast	645	14,349	638	20,830	635	19,360	630	18,860
Rest of Ireland	16,146	114,604	16,118	119,150	16,005	123,610	15,989	122,330
Total Ireland	17,520	142,773	17,470	155,400	17,324	159,010	17,302	157,110

* Incomplete year, the increase in the duties under the Finance (1909–10) Act, 1910, not being chargeable for the full year.

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	1908–9.		*1909–10.		1910–11.		1911–12.	
	No.	Yield.	No.	Estimated Yield.	No.	Estimated Yield.	No.	Estimated Yield.
		£		£		£		£
Retail Licences for Off-consumption:								
London County and City	4,404	11,273	4,290	35,950	5,543	51,660	5,528	50,840
Liverpool - - -	219	540	217	1,870	282	2,930	271	2,730
Manchester - - -	954	1,704	915	4,190	1,055	5,860	1,053	5,860
Birmingham - - -	684	1,155	660	2,850	694	3,500	702	3,510
Sheffield - - -	784	1,440	772	3,240	826	4,000	824	3,930
Leeds - - - -	510	995	505	2,450	556	3,150	552	3,080
Bristol - - - -	435	825	429	2,050	456	2,710	457	2,660
West Ham - - -	168	403	168	1,110	210	1,510	201	1,500
Bradford - - - -	523	854	512	1,840	542	2,260	544	2,170
Hull - - - -	410	709	407	1,720	455	2,240	459	2,240
Newcastle-on-Tyne - -	265	578	259	1,540	285	2,410	276	2,290
Nottingham - - -	492	795	488	1,970	513	2,370	506	2,290
Rest of England - -	23,344	48,797	22,954	123,240	25,534	167,070	25,577	166,040
Total England - -	33,192	70,068	32,576	184,020	36,951	251,670	36,950	249,140
Cardiff - - - -	114	279	112	840	113	1,130	117	1,100
Rest of Wales - - -	659	1,615	645	3,930	727	5,530	725	5,310
Total Wales - -	773	1,894	757	4,770	840	6,660	842	6,410
Edinburgh - - -	776	5,578	762	6,670	1,083	8,520	1,062	8,370
Glasgow - - - -	584	4,404	583	5,180	817	6,970	784	6,590
Rest of Scotland - -	5,867	35,309	5,781	39,830	8,531	56,760	8,190	54,700
Total, Scotland -	7,227	45,291	7,126	51,680	10,431	72,250	10,036	69,660
Dublin - - - -	504	3,700	481	4,430	661	4,640	632	4,450
Belfast - - - -	953	6,621	936	8,630	1,327	8,570	1,320	8,560
Rest of Ireland - -	750	4,607	718	5,690	908	5,550	937	5,430
Total, Ireland - -	2,207	14,928	2,135	18,750	2,896	18,760	2,889	18,440
Wholesale Licences: Manufacturers and Dealers:—								
England and Wales -	37,335	198,509	35,693	540,800	24,674	444,130	23,053	451,540
Scotland - - -	1,291	10,745	1,233	40,810	1,785	43,100	1,722	44,350
Ireland - - -	1,084	8,727	1,023	48,470	1,534	52,390	1,663	55,390

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